

February 20, 2003

Exemption No. 4298I  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2003-14245

Mr. Ronald J. Welding  
Director, Operations Standards  
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Dear Mr. Welding:

This is in response to your January 10, 2003, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Air Transport Association of America, Inc. (ATA), for an extension of Exemption No. 4298, as amended. That exemption from §§ 121.311(f) and 121.391(d) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits ATA member airlines and other similarly situated certificate holders operating under part 121 to continue to locate a required flight attendant at the midcabin flight attendant station during takeoff and landing on Boeing 767 airplanes.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to ATA.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 4298, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701 delegated

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to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 4298, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its March 31, 2003, termination date to March 31, 2005, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 4298, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 4298.

Please note that the FAA has assigned a new docket number to this project (Docket No. FAA-2003-14245; previously Docket No. 23290). In an effort to allow the public to participate in tracking the FAA's rulemaking activities, we have transitioned to the Department of Transportation's online Docket Management System (DMS) at <http://dms.dot.gov>. This new docket system enables interested persons to submit requests to, view requests on, and download requests from the DMS to comply with 14 CFR § 11.63. Please submit future requests through the DMS.

Sincerely,

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